







**News      from Rep. Stephanie Herseth Sandlin**

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**HERSETH            SANDLIN REPORTS ON STATUS OF 2007 FARM BILL**



**Provides      Update on Legislation in House Agriculture Committee**

**June 28, 2007, Washington, D.C. -**

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Regarding the

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Title</b>
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Rep. Herseth Sandlin                      noted that proposals to virtually eliminate all of the farm price

Regarding the



**Conservation                      Title**



Other important titles include

**Energy**







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**Livestock                      Title**



Rep. Herseth Sandlin is a member of the House Agriculture Committee and two A

**Summary:            2007 Farm Bill in the House of Representatives**

**June        28, 2007**

*Below is a summary of selected provisions included to date in the 2007 Farm Bill.*

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Commodity      Title

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Reauthorizes                      and retains the basic farm safety net by extending marketing a



Keeps intact                      the percentage of base acres for which farmers may receive pa

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**Conservation      Title**

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Extends important environmental and conservation programs.

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Substantially                      increases funding for the Environmental Quality Incentives and

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Increased resources for Grasslands Reserve Program (GRP).

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Reauthorizes the Conservation Security Program (CSP).

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Expands the Cooperative

Conservation Partnership Initiative (CCPI) to inclu

Adds bison to the definition of livestock for the purposes of the Environmenta



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Energy      Title

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Creates a \$2 billion federal loan guarantee program to incentivize the constr

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Reauthorizes                      and improves several important existing bioenergy programs.

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Establishes a pilot program to demonstrate on-farm energy production systems

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Modifies the                      Section 9006 program that allows farmers, ranchers and rural s

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Provides for feasibility studies for the construction of a dedicated ethanol pip

Creates an Energy

Council in the Office of the Secretary at USDA to promot

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**Livestock**      **Title**



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Repeals the prohibition on the use of a mandatory animal identification system

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Prevents a State or locality from prohibiting the interstate shipment of USDA

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Prohibits livestock integrators from requiring contract livestock producers to

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Makes the dairy forward contracting program permanent.

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Extends the dairy export incentive program.

Streamlines the federal milk marketing order process.

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Nutrition      Title

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Raises the allowable                      deductions to expand eligibility for the food stamp program



Reauthorizes the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations (part of

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**Rural      Development Title**

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Changes program                      eligibility requirements to improve access to broadband. t

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Reauthorizes

U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development programs t

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Establishes grant and loan programs for rural healthcare facilities and entrepreneurs

Amendments were passed regarding the development of a comprehensive r

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